Wednesday Wonders

Entrance task: Listen: What is this song about?

Today: Articles of Confederation

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-Articles of Confederation: What was it?

-First constitution of the United States

-Proposed by the Second Continental Congress in 1777

-Went into effect in 1781

-Reflected the colonists' fear of a strong central government and the desire for the individual states to protect their power

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1. What were the key features of the Articles of Confederation?

2. Why do you think the Continental Congress shaped the Articles of Confederation the way they did?

3. What were the major problems created by the Articles of Confederation and which feature do you think caused the most problems?

4. What changes do you think needed to be made the most?

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1. Matrix for Analyzing Features of the Articles of Confederation
2. Use placards on each of the 8 topics to complete the matrix with your partners.

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Placard	Feature	Why was this included in the Articles of Confederation?	Possible problems with this feature
A	No chief executive	Past experience with a king Fear of losing states' rights	Lack of leadership from central government. No single leader for the government.
B	Laws needed approval by nine of the 13 states	Wanted to protect individual states power.Fear of a strong central government.	Made it nearly impossible to pass laws and get 9 states to agree on anything
C	Congress did not have the power to tax citizens. It could only request tax money from states.	Past experience with British taxation Infringed upon states' rights	States often chose not to pay taxes, and the federal government didnt have the funds to operate effectively.
D	Congress did not have the power to draft an army. It could only request states to send men for military services.	Fear of a central government with a strong army that might take away citizens rights.	No way to enforce Articles and national laws * Shays' Rebellion

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Placard	Feature	Why was this included in the Articles of Confederation?	Possible problems with this feature
E	No national court system	Fear of a central government with a court system that might be unfair to the rights of states	No way to settle disputes between states
F	Any amendments (changes) to the Articles must be approved by all 13 states	Didn't want to make it easy to change the Articles	Nearly impossible to make changes to Articles.Any one state could stop an amendment that all the other states wanted.
G	Congress did not have the power to collect state debts owed to the federal government	Fear of a strong central government that could force states to pay for things they didnt want.	Federal government had no money to carry out its programs
H	Congress did not have the power to settle disputes among states	States feared a strong central gov. and wanted to retain their power	Disputes among states often could not be resolved.Created disunity among states.

Anti-Federalist

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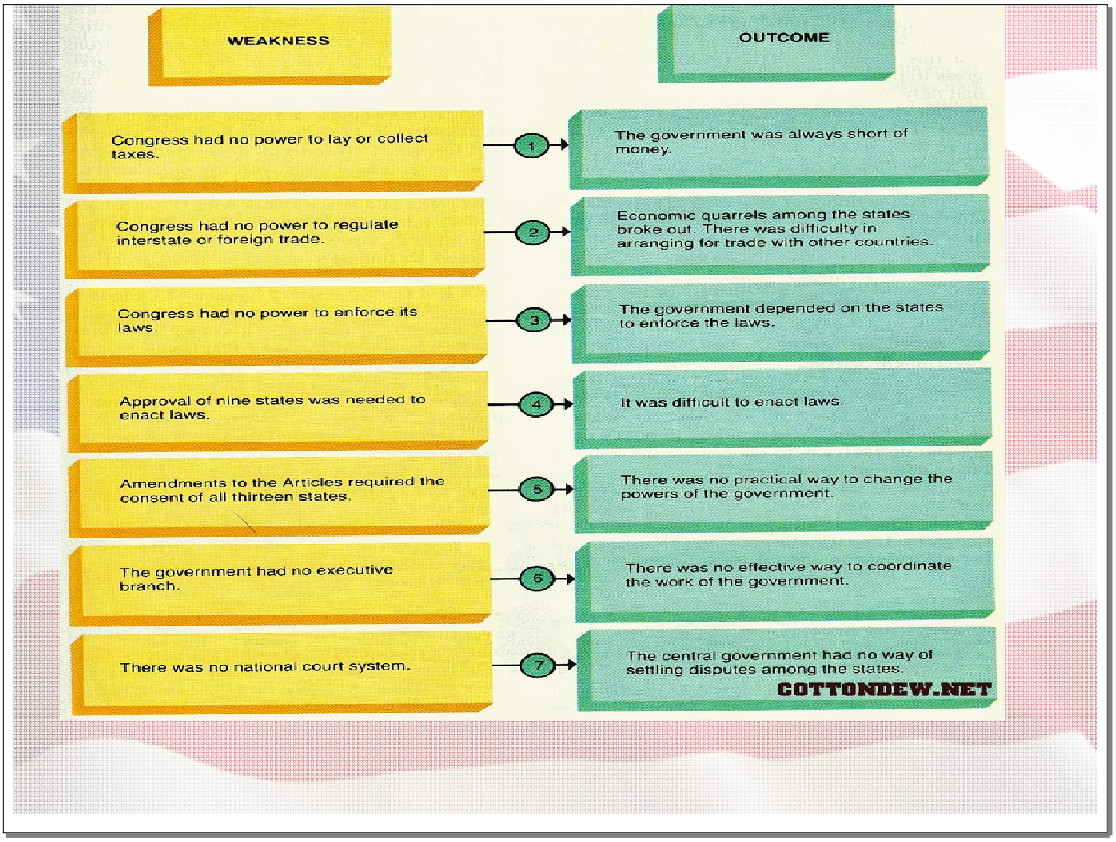

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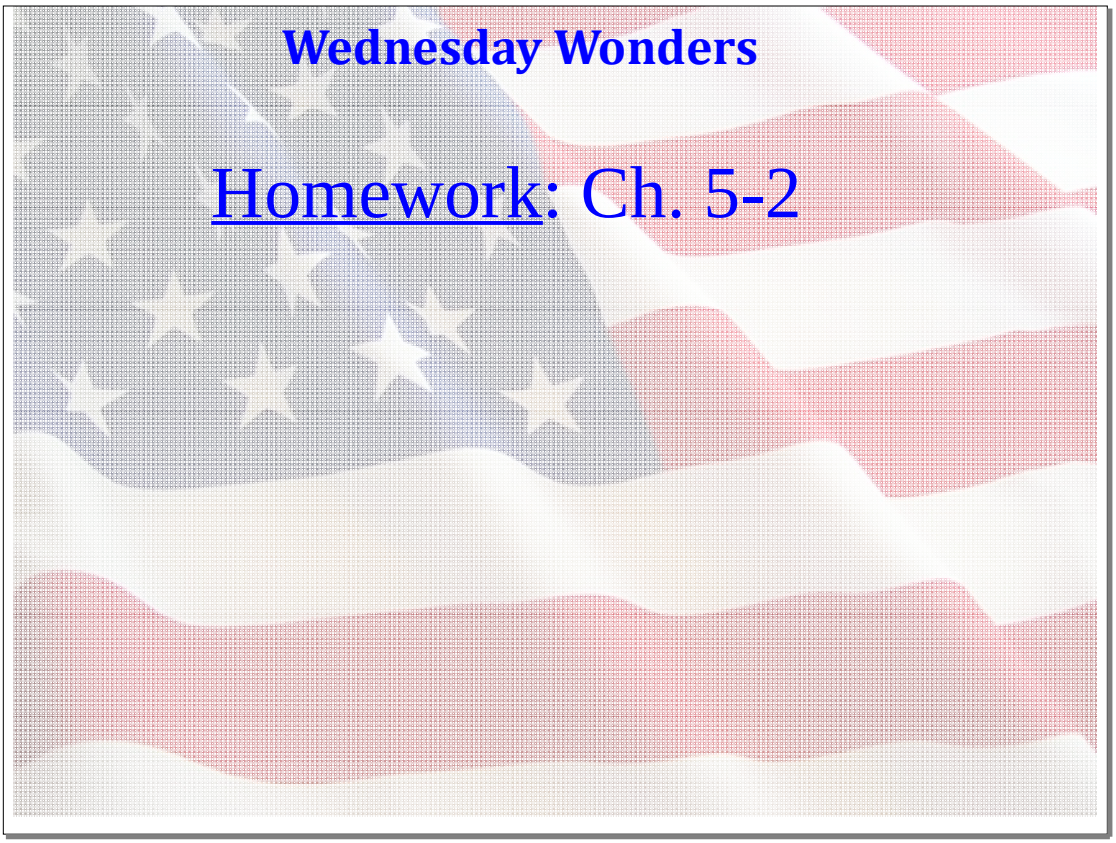

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